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Where he has constantly on hand, and is pre-  
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At Short Notice.

Particular attention paid to  
ROOFING AND SPOUTING,  
Orders respectfully solicited and promptly atten-  
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SUN,  
CHAS.  
DASH.  
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LITTLE GIANT,  
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Orders will be received and promptly filled for  
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no ashes, no dirt, no mud boxes, no coal scuttle  
the fire in full blast in half a minute, even hot in  
two minutes, steak broiled in seven minutes  
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tinguished in a moment. It has no rival in all  
kinds of cooking, and in economy, convenience,  
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MIDDLETON, DEL.

Soles owner of the stove for the State.

Prompt attention to business, moderate prices,  
competent workmen, and a determination to  
please, may at all times be expected by those who  
may favor him with their custom.

Aug. 28—y

## Select Poetry.

### PEOPLE WILL TALK.

We may go through the world, but 'twill be very slow;  
We listen to all that is said as we go;  
We'll be worried and fretted, and kept in a stew,  
For meddlesome tongues must have something to do.

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed—  
That your humble position is only assumed—  
You're a wolf in sheep's clothing, or else you're a fool;  
But don't get excited—keep perfectly cool.

If generous and noble, they'll went out their spleen;  
They'll have some loud hints that you're selfish and mean;  
They'll call you a rogue in a sly, sneaking way.  
And then if you show the least boldness of heart,

Or a slight inclination to take your own part,  
They'll call you an upstart, conceited and vain;  
But keep straight ahead, and don't stop to explain.

If threadbare your coat, or old-fashioned your hat,  
Some one, of course, will take notice of that,  
And hint rather strong that you can't pay your way;  
But don't get excited, whatever they say.

If you dress in the fashion, don't think to escape,  
For they'll criticize that in a different shape;  
You're ahead of your means, or your tailor's unpaid;  
But mind your own business—there's naught to be made.

They'll talk fine before you, but then, at your back,  
Of venom and slander there's never a lack;  
And high and polite in all that they say,  
They'll call you a rogue in a sly, sneaking way.

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we discovered that the ice had parted on  
either side, leaving us floating on a  
large cake of ice, which the swift current of  
the river was driving rapidly out upon  
the lake.

What a sudden dismay came over us as we  
gazed at the increasing chasm!

The bridegroom was eager to swim the  
space, and bear tidings to the farm, but  
it would have been a useless sacrifice of  
life.

There was one chance left—that we  
might hit upon some projecting point on  
the lake shore. But as our raft floated  
steadily further and further out from land,  
that last hope vanished, and before long, we  
who had lately been so joyous, stood sadly  
watching the white outlines of the hills  
fade into the night with the sorrowful  
knowledge that we should perish miserably  
upon our frozen resting place, or be  
swallowed into the ice-cold waters of the lake.

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the most desolate appearance of itself—  
and yet a 27 feet wide and 127 feet  
deep, will command, in some of the least  
favorable localities, at least \$2500. The  
population of the city is estimated at about  
175,000. At this time, the city is literally  
crowded to its utmost capacity.

The industrial Fair of the Mechanics'  
Institute is now open, and the immense  
building prepared for it, is filled with the  
most elegant productions of art, industry,  
and ingenuity. I have ever had the pleasure  
of seeing. Taking the whole together,  
I am sure I never saw it equalled in any  
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posing view. Large numbers are brought  
to the city as contributors or visitors  
to the fair, and with the members of our  
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less than 400 each day, and excursion  
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and going, keep the hotels crowded to  
overflowing.

Again we swept through the bush with  
laugh and jest. My high bred horses fresh  
as when we started, soon outsped the heavy  
steeds of the other travelers, and left  
them out of sight and hearing.

"Let us go by the Lake shore," cried  
the bridegroom, "and then you'll see the  
tumble, and we will be home before the  
others are."

The idea was highly approved by the  
new-made wife, and as I was somewhat  
weary of the monotony of the woods, I  
readily agreed. Between us and the shore  
was a winding gully filled with frozen  
snow, which soon brought us to the broad  
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I began to think with horror that a  
woman would shortly come when the unhappy  
girl would be left alone upon the ice.  
Thus another night closed.

As the hours passed a furious storm arose  
upon the lake, lashed its waters into  
billows, which dashed against our  
raft, tossing it wildly among the waves;  
the spray had raised before it.

Meanwhile we bowed merrily along over  
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lines of glittering icicles which fringed the  
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This admired, we passed on, for the day  
was fast drawing to a close. As the sun  
sank behind the pine crest of a distant  
headland, we came to an estuary, whose  
further point it formed. Beyond was the  
farm, and we urged the horses to a swifter  
pace, for with the sun's departure came an  
increase of cold.

The estuary, some eight miles wide—  
stretched deep into the land, and to save  
time, we drove straight across the vast  
sheet of ice which bridged it. Night fell  
as we proceeded, but, though the moon  
had not risen, the misty reflection of the  
snow lighted us on our way. We had  
reached the centre of the bay, when a red  
port like the discharge of artillery, filled  
the air, and rolling back over the ice was  
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# The Middletown Transcript.

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SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 23, 1869.

We recently republished from the Middletown Transcript an account of the arrest of a colored man near that town for an assault on two ladies in a carriage. We called attention at the time to the improbability of the story, and now copy the accused's own statement before the committing magistrate, as printed by request, in the last number.

We give more space to this affair than its importance merits as it is a fair sample of the slight foundation on which prejudice rears so many of the stories concerning "negro outrages." The indiscretion of a poor man in the excitement of what was to him, a great loss, is magnified into a nameless crime by excitement and fears having their prey in, and that is all.

We did not intend to refer to this matter again, but the manner in which it has been treated in the *Commercial*, has changed our purpose. It is not true that the "indiscretion" of this man, in the excitement of his loss, was "magnified into a nameless crime." The nature of the offence was distinctly stated, and there was nothing in the statement to warrant this language of the *Commercial*. It is a phase of the offence no where given to it, save in its own columns. The offence was grave enough in its character and attendant circumstances, without adding to it the brutal and diabolical idea couched in the language of the *Commercial*. As to the allegation of "prejudice," it is a simple attestation of the existence of a bias in the mind of the *Commercial* itself, not against, but in favor of offenders having a black skin. Had a white man been guilty of such an outrage towards two highly respectable and unoffending ladies upon the public highway, he would richly have deserved the severest castigation; and if any such should occur, it is to be hoped that some male friend may be present to administer it, on the spot, in addition to the ordinary penalties of the law. "Prejudice," forsooth! To whom does this allegation apply? To the ladies?—to the friend and guardian of the younger, who very properly stepped forward to lend his aid and assistance in their distress?—to the committing magistrate?—to the gentleman who furnished the statement published?—all of them, without exception, belong to the party of which the *Commercial* has put itself in an untenable position. It has chosen to accept the statement of the negro as true, while it rejects that of the ladies, as having had its birth in "excitement" "fear" and "prejudice." It may comport with its notions of propriety to take the word of an infuriated black man in preference to that of highly respectable and intelligent ladies, but such a course will meet with no countenance in this community.

**THE PENINSULAR PEACH GROWERS CONVENTION.**—As usual there was warm time in this body at Dover, on Tuesday last, growing out of a difference in the views and interests of those shipping by water and those shipping by rail. The Convention, however, after much debate, accomplished the main purpose for which it convened, which was the appointment of a committee to wait upon the several Rail Road Companies freighting peaches from this peninsula to New York, for the purpose of effecting a reduction in freights. The next meeting of the Convention will be held in Middletown.

The excitement continues in Wilmington over the City Council muddle, the people of the first ward being disfranchised, or without a councilman, owing to party chicanery. The Statesman calls for an extra session of the Legislature to cure the matter; while the Gazette opposes the meeting of the Legislature, and suggests a resort to the Judiciary. So the matter rests, for the present; meantime the Republicans hold control.

The elections in Maryland for members of the General Assembly, Sheriffs, Surveyors, County Commissioners and School Commissioners takes place on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, which will be the second day of the month.

Some men have a way of throwing down their newspaper and declaring there is "nothing in it." The reason is there is nothing in their heads.

Alexander H. Stephens, writing to a friend in Baltimore, under date of the 15th, says, in speaking of the Georgia State Fair: "It will be utterly out of my power to be at the Macon fair. I have not been out of the house since February last but a few times, and then I was helped out and in. I have very little hope of ever leaving home again."

Rockhill & Wilson's advertisement, in another column, this issue, speaks for itself. The clothes on the backs of our best citizens also speak volumes in praise of Rockhill & Wilson's habits. Both for men and the sons of men, Rockhill & Wilson seem to have everything the heart can desire, or the fancy can long after. Most of the happy homes in this vicinity are made happier by the fact that the men and boys of the household get their clothes at the great Brown Hall. Read, and see for yourselves, gentlemen.

## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

A statement has been going the rounds of the papers, which, we think, was first published in the Wilmington Commercial, that Mr. Benjamin F. Hanson, near this town, had been arrested for illegal distillation of peach brandy, and his still and barrel seized. He had, however, after all, neither had he been engaged in illegal business. The facts of the case are these:—About the first of September, Mr. Hanson having large quantity of soft peaches, thought, as a means to save and turn them to profit, he would purchase small still and manufacture them into peach brandy. He went therefore to Philadelphia and, with his son, with fixtures, from Matthew O'Neil. He paid the sum on it, and a \$200.00 after having procured a permit from the Assessor at Wilmington, brought it down and put it in order. Mr. Hanson then directed his nephew, Z. Jones, Jr., to inform the Assessor, Mr. Thomas, that the still was in his possession; that he wished him to come down and inspect it, and that he intended to give bond and take out license. Mr. Hanson, after several days of haggling nothing from Mr. Thomas, he, through Mr. Jones, informed Mr. Clark, the Deputy Assessor, of his wishes. He waited some days longer, and hearing nothing from either of them, by the advice of friends, as the peaches were in order and the man to do the work waiting, proceeded to manufacture the liquor. It was still expected that he would come down and inspect it, and that he would give bond and take out license. The Ghost Soldier's Due, however, were all highly delighted. The Greek Slave was produced with good effect. A. Ward, Jr., who was announced as a "promising chip of the old block," exhibited his Wax Figures at the same time, making a humorous speech in describing his Figures, and giving them a trial of his "biggest" over Theatre Shows and Popular Lectures." Pantomimes were also good and elicited frequent applause from the audience. The indispensable Amphiions were present, and by their sweet music added much to the entertainment. The net value of this entertainment together with the two given last week, are about \$200, which will be applied in liquidating the half debt.

A Base Ball match was played on Saturday last between the Academics of this town and the Red Lion Club, of Red Lion, on the grounds of the latter. The following is the score:

RED LION.	O R	ACADEMIC	O R
Gregg, C 1 3	Wood, 1 B 2	4	
Bald, S S 2 3	Boone, R F 2	4	
S. Silver, P 3 2	Cochran, P 2	4	
H. Silver, 1 B 4	L F 2	4	
S. Deputy, 2 B 2 3	S. Price, C F 3	2	
Dempsey, R F 4 0	Vandyke, 2 B 2	3	
Racine, C F 3 2	Pennington, C 2	4	
P. Deputy, L F 2 2	Elision, S S 1	4	
Total, 21 20	21 24		
RED LION.		ACADEMIC.	
Fly Catches 3		Fly Catches 4	
Umpire, S. M. Governor.		Scorers, Hawthorn and Elision.	

For a long time we have noticed a gradual increase in the number of good-looking men in our neighborhood, especially among our subscribers. The change has been so marked as to be subject for general conversation. People ask, "What is it?" We find the general answer to be, that almost all the following men are wearing, celebrated "Rockhill & Wilson's" clothes. It is well known that the people who wear the clothes of this make command the esteem of their fellow-creatures. All our readers know where Rockhill & Wilson's is. The mammoth Brown Stone Clothing Hall, 603 and 605 Chestnut st. Phila.

**BAND OF HOPE.**—On last Saturday afternoon the Band of Hope, a society of which are required to take the following pledge:—I hereby solemnly engage myself to abstain from the use of all Intoxicating Drugs. Mr. Lightbourn is an earnest, ardent and effective speaker, and has many admirers, both as a man and a minister. He is a warm-hearted impulsive Southerner, a native of Nassau, New Providence, but left his sea-girt home some twelve or fifteen years ago, to become a convert of Mr. Lightbourn. We hope to see the house filled, and can promise all who attend that they will be agreeably entertained. Other eminent speakers have been engaged, and will speak at subsequent meetings.

The Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania, New School, assembled at York, Pa., October 19. The usual opening exercises took place, and a sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Sunderland, of Washington, D. C. The audience was large, and the attendance of members of the Synod was good. The Synod is composed of the Presbyteries of the Diocese of Columbia, the Diocese of the Alleghany, Pa., and the third and fourth districts of Philadelphia. Rev. Dr. Crowell, of the Presbytery of Wilmington, was chosen minister for the ensuing year. He made an address on taking the chair. Rev. Messrs. McFalls and Smith were chosen temporary clerks.

**FATAL ACCIDENT AT DOVER.**—The Commercial of Wednesday says:—As the cars were approaching the Depot at Dover yesterday, Sally Ann Lewis, a colored woman attempted to jump off before the train stopped. She fell beneath the cars and the wheels passed over both her legs, cutting one entirely and the other nearly off. She died last night.

Daniel McKenna, a baker, was found dead in the gutter, in French street, below the railroad, on Sunday morning last. The jury was out about one hour. He was sentenced to be hung on Friday the tenth day of December next.

The report of the statistics says: In 1859 the wheat crop was \$4,622,372 bushels, or 4.70 to each inhabitant; in 1849, 100,485,994, or 4.33 to each individual; in 1859, 173,160,924 bushels, or 5.50 per capita; in 1868, by estimates of this department, 230,000,000 bushels, including Oregon and the Territories, which are not found in the tables. As the increase in population was thirty years from 1850 to 1860, a similar proportion increase from 1860 to 1868, would make our population 39,000,000. If the same ratio of increase could be expected through this decade, viz: thirty-five per cent in population, and twenty-five per cent in the wheat yield, in proportion to population, the 1869 crop would be 294,036,600 bushels, exclusive of that produced by Oregon and the Territories. It would be a short wheat crop in 1868 though it should have been more than 200,000 bushels.

The schooner Anna Virginia, which was taking oysters in Tangier Sound, Virginia, contrary to law, was chased by a couple of police steamers a few days ago, one of which contained troops, and as the latter rapidly gained on the fugitive the captain of the schooner put his helm about, ran into the steamer amidships, sunk her, and made off. The troops and crew were picked up by the other steamer.

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Twenty-two million six hundred and forty thousand two hundred and ninety-eight pounds of upland cotton, valued at \$5,902,812, were exported from Charleston during the year ending September 30, 1869.

Our old friends Rockhill & Wilson are as hard at work as ever, furnishing every description of man's attractions in the way of elegant and luxurious habiliments. Their splendid Brown Stone Hall is better furnished than ever, containing everything that man or boy can want, for warmth, health, and comfort. All that our friends need to do, is just to call and examine for themselves and compare the prices of this splendid clothing with that of any other in Philadelphia or elsewhere.

President Pierce's Cabinet was the only one in the history of the United States that remained unbroken from the beginning to the end of the administration.

## OUR AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS.

The seventh annual report of the Commissioners of Agriculture and the accompanying report of the Statistician of the Department, have been completed. They are valuable and interesting papers, containing important suggestions and recommendations and useful statistics of production, exports, markets, &c.

General Capron, the Commissioner says that hitherto this country has been characterized by random farming, for immediate results, with no reference to future advantages, and no persistent following of any prescribed course; but there are evidences that more stable views and more systematic practices are beginning to prevail. In the central settlements of the West, farm animals, the basis of systematic farming, are held in higher esteem than formerly, and a preparation at least is made for some simple rotation of crops. More stability exists, under adversity, as to the case of wool-growers, many of whom, far-seeing and wise, are confident of future profit in the midst of present discouragement. There is a disposition in the South to produce their own bread and meat, and hold their cotton as a surplus, bearing a better price when the quantity does not suffice to glut the market. The conductor said he would acknowledge it as good and demanded fare. Mr. S. refused, when the conductor said he would put him off the train. He had his hand on the bell-rope to stop the train when Mr. S. yielded to the solicitations of his wife and paid the 85 cents demanded under protest that he would hold the company accountable.

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**THE RULE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF DISTILLED FROM FRUIT.**—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has made some exemptions from the regulation requirements in favor of distillers of spirits directly from fruit. The stills, however, under existing regulations, continue to be rated according to their capacity, and the tax is charged according to this rate. Hon. A. Sargent, representing a number of the fruit distillers of California, has been for several days endeavoring to have the tax in their case assessed upon the actual production, as the distiller cannot always produce to the full capacity of his still. The commissioner says, however, that as he construes the internal revenue law, the power of altering that principle of assessment rests entirely with Congress.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

**THE NEW YORK GOLD CONSPIRACY.**—The New York Daily News of October 21st, says:—Jay Gould was brought before the grand jury this morning, and questioned regarding the recent gold corner. As the result of his testimony Gen. Butterfield, the sub-Treasurer, and A. R. Corbin, the brother-in-law of General Grant, together with others, have been indicted by the grand jury for conspiracy.

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Joseph Ritter, who was Governor of Pennsylvania at the time of the famous "Buckshot War," died at Carlisle on Saturday, aged 90 years.

It is stated that a vein of excellent coal has been discovered along the line of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, east of Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Geo. Leigh, the eldest son of Mrs. Leigh, proposes to bring an action for slander against the publishers of Mrs. Stowe's

book. The Suez Canal is practically open, having been introduced by removing the barriers from Bitter Lake, and a steamer has passed through the Canal from Port Said to Suez in fifteen hours.

## THE SUIT AGAINST THE P. W. & B. R. R. CO.

We have recently published two items from the Delaware Gazette, in regard to a suit brought against the P. W. & B. R. R. Co. one of which was designed as a correction of the other. J. H. Sauerlander, the gentleman bringing the suit, has called on us and stated that neither of the accounts were correct, and he makes to us the following statement:

He says that on the morning of October 4th, he bought an excursion ticket to Philadelphia and, return, and went to Philadelphia on it. During the day, the flood had so damaged the track that he could not get back on the cars, and so came on the boat, not using the ticket. On the 11th inst. he again went to Philadelphia and returned on the 11th, a. m. train, accompanied by his wife. The conductor called for his tickets, he gave one issued that day for his wife, and the unused excursion ticket for himself. The conductor said, the lady's ticket is all right, but your's is not. Mr. S. told him that he had bought it on the day of the flood and could not use it, and that the ticket agent had said it was still good. The conductor said he would not acknowledge it as good and demanded fare. Mr. S. refused, when the conductor said he would put him off the train. He had his hand on the bell-rope to stop the train when Mr. S. yielded to the solicitations of his wife and paid the 85 cents demanded under protest that he would hold the company accountable.

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THE Isthmus of PANAMA.—The U. S. Consul at Aspinwall, who has just returned to this country on a visit, reports that the opening of the Pacific Railway has seriously interfered with the business on the Isthmus of Panama, by reducing the number of passengers and the goods conveyed by the latter route. The merchants at Aspinwall and Panama, who have always largely depended upon the custom of the California passengers, find that their sales have reduced, and the hotels report a falling off in the number of their transient inmates. Instead of four steamers a month, as formerly, there are only two running on this route. In case, however, Panama should be made the capital of the United States of Columbia, it is hoped that the prosperity of the Isthmus will revive.

The Rail Bird of Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania is known as the Sora in Virginia, and as the Coot in North Carolina. In the latter State, these birds are captured in large quantities by beating the banks along which they lay at night. The lightwood torches carried by the hunters blind the coots, and the birds are whipped over and killed. A singular error prevails even among generally well-informed persons in North Carolina to the effect that coots are transformed from frogs, the birds appearing at the time the frogs disappear. The rail, when young, is black, and changes its plumage to a dusky gray when half grown. It is a migratory bird, and changes its plumage as it passes from one region of climate to another.

It is a pleasure to tell the same story over and over again. If it is good, we only enjoy the clothes which they make at the great Brown Hall, Philadelphia. The fact is, there are no other clothes, made elsewhere, that look half as well, or wear half as long as the Rockhill & Wilson clothes. The immense and varied assortment of fine clothes for Fall which Rockhill & Wilson now display, worthy the attention of all who go to the city. See their advertisement in another column.

Telegrams from San Francisco state that 1,100 through passengers passed over the Union and Central Pacific roads last week.

## PEREMPTORY PUBLIC SALE.

THE Valuable Real Estate of James Hodgson will be sold at Public Sale, at the Harmony Hill Farm, in New London Township, Chester County, Pa., on

Wednesday, October 27th, 1869.

The Following Real Estate:

No. 1, a valuable Farm, in New London Township, Chester County, on the Big Elk Creek, a road leading from Penn Station to Louisville, five miles from the former and one from the latter, (the Wilmington and Western R. R. now in contemplation, will pass through the property) adjoining lands of R. H. Hodgson, William Shearer and others, containing

One Hundred & Ten Acres of handsome land as can be found in the southern part of the county; about 20 acres of which is meadow and 10 of heavy Timber; well fenced and without buildings, and used for grazing.

No. 2, known as "Harmony Hill," south of and adjoining No. 1, contains

125 ACRES of excellent farming land, well divided into suitable enclosures, with water in nearly all; is bounded by Big Elk Creek, and through the meadows on the east two branches of Big Elk flow and meet, affording a good water power, formerly used for running a woolen mill. The improvements consist of a large Farm House, (few better) beautifully situated, and well-furnished, having a large kitchen and store, and a double-barged Barn and Straw House, 60 by 60 feet, and double-flored Waggon, Carriage, Corn and Hog House, Ice Cream House, &c. There are about 12 acres of good meadow and 15 acres of heavy Timber Land. Also an APPLE ORCHARD in full bearing, of well selected fruit, and a number of Pear Trees on the premises.

No. 3, known as the "Spring Lawn Farm," immediately south of and adjoining No. 2, containing

One Hundred & Ten Acres through which the Big Elk passes, and is divided into eight enclosures, well watered. On the west and east sides are large grist and paper mills which afford a ready market for nearly any produce of the farm. The improvements consist of a large STONE HOUSE, with four rooms on first floor, and two on second, and two on all sides, and a Vault and Smoke House near by. A log Barn, Waggon and Carriage House, with Cribs and Gargers attached; a substantial stone Store and Tool House, 20 by 25 feet. A young Apple Orchard in full bearing; about 12 acres of Heavy Timber.

No. 4, Ten Acres of Chestnut Timber, situated on the northern part of the Pleasant Garden Forge property, in the above Township.

No. 5, Five Acres of handsome Chestnut Timber, in Ell Township, near the Pleasant Garden Pulp Works, and adjoining the lands of John Pitt George Titus and others. The Wood Land will be sold in tracts of two acres or more to suit purchasers.

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